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To Mr. BAVIUS, *Secretary to the Society of* Grub-ſtreet.

WHILE I was diverting myſelf the other day in a little garden which I have near the town, a gentle ſhower obliged me to ſeek a retreat in a little ſummer-houſe at the end of it. I had hardly ſeated my ſelf, when the pretty choriſters around began with their hilarous ſongs to augment my ſatisfaction into a *je ne ſay quoy*, which no words can expreſs, nor you be able to apprehend, unleſs you had been with me a partaker in that innocent fruition. And yet, methought, they ſeemed to reproach me with an inſenſibility of the pleaſures, which with them I ought to have received with equal hilarity and thankfulneſs. But as I have given thoſe muſical adepts the liberty of cenſuring me; I hope, I may, without offence, take the freedom to tell them in my turn, that I, in a double capacity, ſolaced myſelf: their gratitude gave vigour to mine, which, tho' confined to inward reflections, as much ſurpaſſed theirs, as theirs did that of the vegetable kind, which, in apparent vivacity, equally enjoyed with all of us the benefits of thoſe genial benefactions. Nay, both opened a more extenſive field of pleaſure to me, while I ſilently reaſoned with myſelf, that our univerſal benefactor had endued me with what the mad-man calls in the ſong *a tentateuch of ſenſes*, every one of which was a ready aſſerter of the more than human munificence of the great benefactor. My ears received their gratulatory ſongs with pleaſure, and eagerly conveyed them to my heart; which full readily aſſented to the reaſonable motion. My eyes were no leſs raviſhed with the proſpect of riſing herbs and flowers; which, I imagine, equally inſpired thoſe merry emotions in my feathered prompters. Nor were the other three ſiſter ſenſes leſs buſily employed in confeſſing the preſent enjoyments, and the great author of them.

The ſhower had laſted a full quarter of an hour, during which it was impoſſible to exchange my meditation for any other. But that over, I found my merry companions had diſperſed themſelves, to reap the eſſential benefits of what they had been ſo thankful for; and after I had taken a round in my little paradiſe, and ſeen the viſible alteration, it threw me into a new contemplation, which drew from me this ſhort rhapſodical epigram.

Empire renounc'd, and grandeur caſt aſide,
A ſpade his ſcepter, and the hoe his pride;
The royal freed-man, tempted to aſcend,
Thus from his cabbage rows reprov'd his friend.
See how they grow, cry'd he! and who would be
A ſlave to empire, that could here live free,
And taſte theſe joys of innocence with me?

The ſtory of DIOCLETIAN and MAXIMIN is ſo well known, Mr. BAVIUS, that without expatiating on it, I ſhall purſue the clue of my contemplations, in ſetting out the pleaſures and profits of gardening. I ſhall voluntarily wave the advantages of imperial example: a perſecutor and a tyrant would yield luſtre neither to my cauſe, nor to my pen. Let modern apoſtates applaud the old: my pen, I hope, will never be venal enough for proſtitution, ſo as to turn a CATILINE into a CATO. Nor let any one imagine, that I am going to adviſe all our new elected members to take up the ſpade and hoe, and leave the buſineſs for which they were choſen. No! I fancy the honeſt part of them will find work enough, without digging or delving. But what I would here recommend, is a taſte of thoſe pleaſures, which, on a proper receſs, might entertain the mind, in a diverſion healthful, as well as otherways uſeful. The healthfulneſs none can diſpute; ſince it is known to ariſe from the freſhneſs of the earth, often turned over, as well as from the odour of the flowers and herbs, ever ſpringing up to chear and invigorate the brain. Beſides, with what a pleaſure muſt it inſpire a contemplative mind, to ſee himſelf, if not a creator, acting under a banner that allows him the praiſe and glory of creation, in changing nature by the rules of art, and obliging fruits and flowers to obey his alterative orders. Ambition, tho' a vice in courts, and other worldly courſes, becomes here a vertue; while it centers in the innocent glory of adding beauty to plants, and fruitfulneſs to barren eſpaliers. Nor can its uſefulneſs or pleaſure be conteſted on grounds more equitable: for what can afford an equal ſatisfaction, to my finding before me at my own table, a repaſt of my own raiſing? Can any thing purchaſed at a public market, which has run perhaps the gantlop of a regiment of naſty fingers, or exerciſed the nauſeous and offenſive wits of fruit women, to bring to maturity, come up to what I cull from my own plantation, and which I am very certain have never paſſed through any hands but my own, or ſuch as I think fit to order. Taſte the racyneſs of peach, nectarin, apricock, or fig, juſt gathered from your own walls, and compare them with thoſe purchaſed at the gardens of the city, I mean their public markets; and can your ſenſes be ſo unequitable, to admit of the leaſt compariſon? How jejune and flatulent the one? How rich? how racy? how elegant the other? —— You may think, perhaps, Mr. BAVIUS, here is a zeſt of the Epicure. But had EPICURUS offended in no other ſyſtem, than his gardens, LUCRETIUS, his ſcholar, could never have cooked up ſuch an *Oglio podrido* for the *gout* of our modern free-thinkers. Beſides, if this ſhould be allowed to be a piece of Epicuriſm, it is ſuch a piece, as is no where diſallowed to man by his great Creator. To enjoy the fruits of our own labours, under the diſpenſing hand of an over-ruling providence, is ſo far from being an offence, that it is a duty injoined us by mere gratitude. How is it poſſible I can have any ſenſe or notion of bleſſings which I never enjoy? Or for what did indulgent providence beſtow them upon me, but to enjoy and be thankful?

But beſides theſe inſtances of its pleaſure and advantage, I would add one other which includes both. What affords ſo large and ſpacious a field for contemplation, as the works of nature? This is a ſtudy allowed by all as praiſe-worthy; even our *Nothing-garians*, or *Nulli-fidians*, which I take to be ſynonymous, pretend to applaud it. And what can employ more copiouſly or more inoffenſively the mind of any man? A head quite wrong-turned for rational thinking, by a continued converſation in that one branch of it the vegetable world, might poſſibly find itſelf ſtolen into the uſe of the reaſoning faculties: and who knows but, in time, it might be productive of ſomewhat that might demonſtrate its owner a reaſonable creature? This at leaſt muſt on all hands be granted, that while it was thus buſied, miſchief would be abſent; and a receſs from doing ill might probably terminate in ſomething like good. If men could be induced to think at all, there would be no great danger of their thinking madly: it is nothing but want of thought, dreſſed up in an *oglio* of pride, that makes up the compoſition of a modern free-thinker. Nature in all her works teaches otherwiſe; and the orthodoxy of her inſtructions is in no part more viſible than in the vegetable œconomy. Every tree, every plant, every flower muſt excite amazement in a contemplative mind; and that amazement, tho' not half of it can be reſolved into more than mere idea, muſt ſatisfy a rational enquirer, that, tho' his faculties are finite, they not only imply, but inforce a belief of an infinite.

But while I am diſplaying the uſe and benefits of a garden, I am very ſenſible my arguments may drive many from the very thoughts of it. To endeavour inſidiouſly to intrap a perſon into any thing ſedate, will carry ſuch a face of oddity, that my garden will be left to myſelf, as free of ſuch free-thinkers, as I would wiſh it from weeds, caterpillars, or piſmires. — Be it ſo, Mr. BAVIUS: I am alone then, if a man may be ſayed ſo to be, who is quit of all bad company, and carrying on a ſeries of pleaſures, that he would willingly diviſe with nothing but an honeſt mind. I can contentedly ſee my trees laden, my flowers flouriſh, and my plants ready to crown my labours, and my wiſhes: without one repining thought at the over-laden ſtateſman, the deceitful courtier, or the ſordid and mercenary miſer. If a mole undermines my operations, I can, without breach of charity, ſet a trap for him; and if birds or mice threaten my expectations, by ſnares or baits I will endeavour to circumvent the circumventer. Specious pretences ſhall never draw me into fallacious treaties: for, tho' an Engliſh-man, I will uſe my reaſon, and by all rational methods provide againſt a Spaniſh inquiſitor, who, with French ſincerity, has beguiled me twenty times over. Thus, you ſee, I can reduce ſtate politicks into the principles of an honeſt gardener; and draw examples of conduct from potentates, and their no leſs powerful miniſters. — Not that I think all gardeners honeſt, any more than all potentates or miniſters. This lower claſs of life, as ſome may call it, has its culls, as well as the upper. Theſe promiſe, without deſign of performance, as well as the other; and look upon the ties of gratitude, as things not half ſo fit to tie up their flowers with, as the ſmalleſt remnant of a Ruſſia mat. Miſtake me not, I mean here the theorical gentlemen: thoſe of the fraternity that carry three great letters at their tails; and ſtuff themſelves out with imaginary honours, as if they were dreſſing themſelves up for maulkins, to guard their own pea grounds.—But tho' a common, 'tis a fooliſh practice to arraign generals from any particular. In all ſocieties of men, from the great to the little, from the divine to the buffoon, there are, it muſt be confeſſed, men acting contrary to character. But tho' this is a truth that is indiſputable, nothing but a man of the weakeſt mind would ever pretend to extract an inference from ſuch a conceſſion, to the diſadvantage of vertue. For my part, as from the unaccountable alteration of ſeaſons, I find myſelf under a neceſſity of concluding in right of a providence, and thence drawing more ſuitable and noble concluſions, becoming a rational, tho' finite being: ſo from the viſible weakneſſes of ſome in any profeſſion whatever, I am ſo far from concluding in diſfavour of the reſt, that the very ſight of a perſon of a diſtinguiſhed character, inſpires me with double veneration. Nor can I think, that I act at all like an honeſt man, if, with the moſt of free-thinkers, I aſſert all Prieſts (as they phraſe it) to be knaves; or *vice verſa*, think ANTICODEX an honeſt man (in principle I mean) becauſe ſo aſſerted by the ſecond, third, or fourth great man of a kingdom. Perhaps I may hereafter explain myſelf more fully as to all theſe matters, in a little pamphlet, which, according to modern mode, I am preparing for the preſs, under the title of *Religio Hortulani:* in which I doubt not to ſatisfy the learned world, that a gardener (quaſi gardener) ought to approve himſelf a man of veracity, that is, an honeſt man.

I am, Mr. BAVIUS, yours.

O. Sedgwick.

FROM the latter parts of the *Hiſtorical Letter concerning* Dr. TINDALL's *Will*, and the *Obſervations* thereupon, among other things, it has appeared, that this *great and godlike* perſon gave away in two legacies [one of 2100 to Mr. BUDGELL, and the other of 52l. 10s. to a maid ſervant] 769 l. 10s. more than his effects amounted to at the time of opening his Will, *Aug.* 17th, 1733. in which very Will his nephew Mr. NICHOLAS TINDALL was appointed *reſiduary legatee*. The world has been therein likewiſe informed, that this gentleman being much ſurprized, had then aſked Mr. B. Whether he knew of any more of the Doctor's effects? who ſolemnly declared that he did not. That the next day, *Aug.* 18. Mr T. diſcovered that Mr. B. had received in *June*, 1732, in *Bank-notes*, 1000 l. of the Doctor's *South-ſea ſtock*. That a day or two after, he asked him, Whether he knew any thing of this *South-ſea ſtock*, or of any *Bank-notes* relating to the ſame? which he denied in a very ſolemn manner. That on *Aug.* 25. Mr. T. told him directly what he had diſcovered: upon which Mr. B. after ſome evaſions, owned, That he had borrowed that ſum upon bond, but the Doctor had given him back the bond, and he had cancelled it; that another gentleman was nearly concerned in this affair, in which there were ſome circumſtances he was obliged in *honour* not to mention without his leave, which however he did not doubt of obtaining in a little time. Theſe particulars are given at length, from two accounts, one ſuppoſed to be written by Mr. T. and the other certainly publiſhed by Mr. B. —— The *Letter* then proceeds and concludes in the following manner.

† 'The only thing which ſeem'd really to *reflect* upon 'Mr. B. and which his enemies have made all this noiſe 'about, was his *unwillingneſs* to confeſs after what *man-* 'ner he had borrowed the 1000 l. above-mentioned, and 'to produce his *bond*. Poor Mr. B. in this caſe has 'been a real *martyr* to his *word* and *honour*. Rather than 'forfeit *theſe*, he was content to pay a round ſum of *mo-* 'ney, and what was ſtill more grievous to him, to be 'thought ill of. He now gives us leave (ſince an *explanation* is become *neceſſary*) to tell the whole world the 'truth of the ſtory'.

'An honourable perſon, a friend of Mr. B. pitying 'him ſome time ſince, on account of thoſe cruel *oppreſ-* 'ſions he met with, Mr. B. told him, that if he could 'but raiſe one 1000 l. he thought he might make him-'ſelf eaſy: the honourable perſon replied, that if he 'could conveniently lend him the ſum, he would imme-

diately do it; he added, that tho' he would not have his *name* toſſed about among *money-ſcriveners*, yet that if Mr. B. had *one* friend who was a *man of honour*, and would ſupply him with the money, he would be bound for it. A day or two after Mr. B. mentioned this generous offer to his friend, Dr. T *I am your man* (ſays the Doctor) *I will not refuſe your honourable friend's ſecurity, ſince he offers it, and yet I believe upon this occaſion, I ſhould have lent you the money if you had asked it upon your own ſingle bond.* The doctor lent Mr. B. this money accordingly, and promiſed never to mention the *name* of that perſon who was bound with him for the re-payment of it'.

'The Doctor had part of his money again, on a *certain occaſion*, but the whole bond was not paid off. Seven days after he had made his will, and *two* days before he died, he ſent for the bond, and calling Mr. B. to him, *Mr.* B. (ſays he) *I promiſed I would never mention the name of your generous friend who was bound for you in this bond; I have been as good as my word while I lived, and would not willingly give your friend any reaſon to complain of me after I am dead. I therefore now give you up your bond, and would have you burn it immediately, that it may never fall into ill hands. My nephew has not the gift of ſecrecy. Never mention this affair to him. I depend upon your honour, that you will give him whatever my effects amount to over and above the legacy I have left you, and then he has no right to ask queſtions.* This Mr. B. promiſed, and has been even *better* than his word. We cannot help ſaying, that we think the Doctor's dying ſentiments ſo truly *noble*, that we ſhould much rather ſhare his *fate* at the *laſt day* than the fate of many *reverend perſons* who boaſt ſo loudly of their *Chriſtianity*'.

'Mr. B. ſince he has been lately preſſed ſo hardly upon, has ſent three letters to the gentleman who was bound with him to the Doctor (and who is at a great diſtance from London) to deſire he might be releaſed from his *promiſe*, and have leave to vindicate himſelf. Mr. B. has received an anſwer to his letters: The honourable perſon (who has a *large* fortune, and a moſt unblemiſhed *character*) ſtill inſiſts upon Mr B's *promiſe* to conceal his *name*, and will not ſuffer it to be *printed*: he has however allowed Mr. B. to give Mr. T. full *ſatisfaction* in this affair before two witneſſes; or to take any other courſe to vindicate his own *honour* and *reputation*, except that of printing his name. As to Mr. T. Mr. B. declares, That 'till this clergyman diſowns his being the author of a late infamous pamphlet, he will never more ſuffer him to come within his doors, nor will ever ſpeak to him again if he can poſſibly avoid it; yet, if the Parſon will but name two or three gentlemen of character, Mr. B. is ready to give *them* full ſatisfaction. If Sir ROB. WALPOLE has been talk'd to upon this occaſion, (as CURLL affirms) tho' Mr. B. is far from taking Sir ROBERT for his *friend*, yet he would chuſe to manifeſt his innocence before this very *noble perſon*, and chuſe him for his *judge* in *this* cauſe, ſooner than any *one* man in all England'.

Thus, Mr. BAVIUS, I have given you a true ſtate of the controverſy concerning Dr. TINDAL's *Will*; which, from the method I at firſt propoſed to obſerve, has inſenſibly and neceſſarily run out to a great length. For having reſolved to repreſent the allegations of the writers on both ſides, in their own words; I thought myſelf obliged to give them in their full extent, to avoid the imputation of having ſuppreſſed any material circumſtance. Yet, I preſume, this letter will not ſeem tedious to your readers, ſince the greateſt part of it is the compoſition of an author of great ſpirit; being tranſcribed from a weekly pamphlet, which *contains ſomething to hit every man's taſte*, and which as we are aſſured every week in the title-page, *has been ſo well received by the publick, that there is no occaſion to ſay any thing in commendation of it.*

I am, Sir, your humble ſervant,

Nov. 20, 1733. B. B.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
D R. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*
G E. *General Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *May* 23. On monday Sir John Norris hoiſted his flag at the main-top-maſt head of the Britannia a 1ſt rate, in the Downs; and admiral Haddock hoiſted his, at the mizen-top-maſt of the Namure, a 2d rate. *C. DP.*

The poll for the county of Cheſter ſtood thus: Cha. Cholmondeley, Eſq; 3792. John Crew, Eſq; 3708. Sir Rob. Sal. Cotton 3005. *DP.* —— That for Cheſter thus: Sir Rob. Groſvenor 956. Sir Cha. Bunbury 948. Mr. Williams 567. Mr. Manley 554. *P. DP.*

A great number of bad guineas have been lately offered at the Exciſe-office, Cuſtom-houſe, &c. appearing to be made of a metal not unlike Pinchbeck's. *DP.*

On tueſday the 12 judges ſate in Serjeant's inn hall, in relation to a member in the late parliament, arreſted for a conſiderable ſum. The queſtion was, Whether a member ought to have 40 days privilege to return home, on the diſſolution, as on a prorogation; and they were unanimouſly of opinion, that he ought: upon which orders were immediately given to ſet the gentleman at liberty. *D J.* —— On thurſday 11 judges met there, and heard 4 counſel on a ſide; but came to no reſolution. DP. *May* 25. —— We hear that they have ſuſpended giving an opinion relating to the affair of Col. John Pitt. DP. *May* 28.

Capt. Fullerton lately met with a Sallee rover, who made him bring to, and ſent her boat with 20 men on board him: who, tho' he had but 14 hands, ſeiz'd the Moors, out-ſail'd the Rover, and brought them to Middleburgh. *SJ. GE. LE.*

The rev. Dr. Hacket, vice-maſter of Trinity Coll. Cambridge, who was to have executed the ſentence upon the maſter, has reſign'd the vice-maſterſhip, and is ſucceeded by the rev. Dr. Walker. *L E.*

Letters from Wiltſhire and Cornwall ſay, that a new faſhion'd method has been found out there to evade the act againſt bribery and corruption; the candidates laid 10 guineas, 20, nay in ſome places 50, to five ſhillings, with an elector, that he did *not vote for them*; ſo the man by *voting for them*, got their money—for his vote. *L E.* —— They write from Dover, that Harry Furneſe, Eſq; is proſecuting 30 perſons of that port, upon the late act. DP. *Is it not hard, that perſons ſhould be* proſecuted *for* laying wagers?

Married, on ſunday Mr. Gould, an eminent ſilverſmith in Gutter-lane, to miſs Forſter, an agreeable young gentlewoman of great merit and fortune. *C.*

Died, a few days ſince at York, miſs Smithſon, a young lady of 10,000 l. fortune. —— Yeſterday, at Kingſland, Mrs, Forteſcue, a maiden gentlewoman, reputed worth 20,000 l. *DA.*

Chriſtened, laſt week, males 160: females 163: in all 323. —— *Buried* males 238: females 251: in all 489: decreaſed 45. *SJ. LE. GE.*

FRIDAY, *May* 24. We hear, that Sir Edw. Dering, Bart. is dangerouſly ill, at his ſeat in Kent. *C.* —— *My brother the* Couranteer *ſeems to have a deſire to ſend him after* Lord Vane.

We hear that Sir John Shaw, of Eltham, in Kent, Bart. will ſtand a candidate for that county, in the room of the Ld Vane. *DJ.* —— The right hon. the Ld. Viſc. Percival intends to ſtand. P. *May* 25.

Yeſterday a poor clergyman of the church of England attempted to hang himſelf in a tree in a ditch near the bridge at Little Chelſea; but was happily prevented by Will. Draycot, Eſq; *DP.* —— He drowned himſelf the ſame night in the Thames near Fulham. *DP. May* 25. —— The caſe of the inferior clergy is extreme hard, not one in ten having wherewithal to ſubſiſt; the chief reaſon which makes it ſo is, that *commendams* and *pluralities* are ſo ſcandalouſly tolerated. LE. *May* 25. —— *My brother forgot to add* impropriations, lay parſons, &c.

Died, Yeſterday, in Poland-ſtreet, the lady Burgoigne. *DP.*

SATURDAY, *May* 25. The poll for the county of Norfolk ſtood thus: Sir Edm. Bacon, 3224. Thomas Wodehouſe, Eſq; 3153. Will. Morden, Eſq; 3147. Rob. Coke, Eſq; 3081. —— For Yorkſhire thus: Sir Miles Stapylton, 7884. Cholmly Turner, Eſq; 7880. Sir Rowl. Wynne, 7714. Hon. Edw. Wortly Montague, Eſq; 5876. [Stapylton 7896: Turnor 7879: Wynne 7699: Wortley 5898. *DP. May* 27.] A ſcrutiny was demanded in both counties. *C. DP. DJ. DA.* —— It is not doubted, but a great majority will appear for Sir Miles Stapylton and Mr. Wortley. *P.* —— N. B. The loſing ſide were ſo hard run, that they polled even the ſinging men of the cathedral, who are juſt ſuch freeholders as commiſſion officers in the army. *LE.*

'Tis ſaid, that the lord Catherlough will ſtand a candidate for the county of Kent. *DA.* —— We hear, that Hen. Furneſe, Eſq, will ſtand. *GE.*

They write from Paris, that a certain Engliſh nobleman was privately married there to Lewiſa-Franciſca, commonly called Mademoiſelle du Maine, daughter of Lewis Auguſtus of Bourbon, duke of Maine, one of the princes of the blood royal of France. *DA.*

Laſt thurſday ſe'nnight Mr. Brown Langriſh, an eminent apothecary in Petersfield, was choſen a fellow of the Royal Society, in conſideration of ſeveral curious experiments and obſervations he hath lately communicated to that illuſtrious body. *LE. GE.*

Mr. Smith, carpenter of the Hound ſloop, having ſome words with the quarter-maſter, they ran ſo high, that the former took up a hand-ſpike, and killed his adverſary on the ſpot; on which he was committed to the county jail. *P.*

On thurſday evening a Weſtminſter ſcholar, driving a Hackney coach at Parſons-green, accidentally run over a boy 4 years old, and killed him. *DJ.*

MONDAY, *May* 27. His majeſty has been pleaſed to grant his moſt gracious pardon to any of the accomplices concerned in the murder and robbery of Rich. Cantillon, Eſq; by ſetting fire to his houſe, except the perſon by whom the ſaid murder was committed. —— And likewiſe to any perſon concerned in breaking and robbing the ſhop of Mrs. Anne Markham, and ſtealing thence divers rich goods to the value of 300 l. *C.* —— The murder and robbery *was not committed* by ſetting fire to his houſe, *but preceded it.*—Mr. Philip Cantillon, merchant, has offered a reward of 200 l. *DP. DJ. DA.* —— Son to the deceaſed *P.* —— Mrs. Markham offers a reward of 50 guineas, for the recovery of her goods. *P.*

On ſaturday the lord Darnley arrived in town, having compleated his travels. *P. DJ.*

This being the laſt day of the Eaſter term, ſeveral perſons bound over on account of news papers, pamphlets, &c. will appear, &c. *P. DJ.* —— *This* prophecy *was punctually fulfilled, as appears from the following article.* —— Yeſterday being the laſt day of term, ſeveral perſons bound over to appear, were preſent on their recognizances, when ſome were diſcharged, and others continued. *P. May* 28. —— The court of King's bench granted a rule againſt the printer of one of the Daily papers of the ſame day, for a libel contained in a letter publiſhed yeſterday therein, reflecting upon Sir Ric. Acton and Sir Rob. Lawley, Barts. *May* 28. DA. —— *This* Paper *was The* Daily Courant.

Laſt week the rev. James Berwick, D. D. was preſented by his majeſty to the rectory of Weſtheſſerton in Yorkſhire, worth about 300 l. per ann. *DP.* —— Mr. Rob. Hopkins is made clerk of Covent garden market, a place worth upwards of 100 l. per ann. by his grace the duke of Bedford. *P.*

On ſaturday a perſon commonly call'd Gentleman Harry, a great gameſter, and reputed cheat and guinea-dropper, with another of the ſame profeſſion, both very well dreſs'd, were carried before Sir John Gonſon, &c. Gentleman Harry pretending that he had an eſtate, but not being able to make it appear, but on the contrary ſeveral witneſſes proving, that he had for ſome time paſt liv'd wholly by gaming, pimping, and bullying for the women of the town, he and his companion were committed to Bridewell, where they are now beating hemp in their fine cloaths. *DA.*

Died, laſt week, at Cliſton in Derbyſhire, the rev. Sir Rob. Pye, Bart. the title is extinct. *DP.* —— Yeſterday Mr. James Hubbard, an attorney in Bell-yard, Grays inn-lane, was drowned near Mill-bank, being ſeized with the cramp. *DJ.*

TUESDAY, *May* 28. The poll for Briſtol ſtood thus: Sir Abra. Elton, Bar. 2445: Tho. Coſter, Eſq; 2064: Hon. John Scrope, Eſq; 1859. Upon a ſecond caſting up the following numbers appear to be genuine, Sir Abr. Elton 2420: Tho. Coſter 2071: John Scrope 1866. It is taken notice of, that according to both theſe accounts, Mr. Coſter's majority amounted to 205, being the ſame of that in oppoſition to the Exciſe bill. *P.*

Laſt night the coroner's inqueſt ſat on the remains of the late Mr. Cantillon, and after examining ſeveral witneſſes, adjourn'd to friday next We hear, that there is a very great ſuſpicion, that the ſaid gentleman was murder'd by a perſon who had liv'd with him as his cook, and was diſmiſs'd his ſervice about ten days before; the ſaid perſon coming, during the time that Mr. Cantillon's houſe was on fire, to a brandy-ſhop in St. Giles's, and deſired to leave there a portmanteau which ſeem'd very heavy, and which by endeavouring to lift, one of his breeches pockets burſt, wherein was a large quantity of guineas. It appears likewiſe, that he fetch'd the ſaid portmanteau away on wedneſday morning early, and took a hackney coach to an inn in Gracechurch-ſtreet, from whence he rode poſt to Harwich. He is ſuppos'd to have got into the houſe by means of a ladder, which ſome of the witneſſes are ſaid to have perceived ſtanding againſt the back windows, and that after murdering the gentleman, he rifled his cloſet, and then ſet the houſe on fire. *DA.* —— One Joſeph Denier, alias Lebane, a Frenchman, who had been cook to him for 11 years, and had been diſmiſſed about 3 weeks before. *DJ.*

Letters which arriv'd laſt friday from Gibraltar adviſe, that the Spaniards had inſulted the garriſon from their works; and that a Spaniſh centinel had the inſolence to fire upon an officer of very great rank of the garriſon. *LE.*

WEDNESDAY, *May* 29. Yeſterday morning one of his majeſty's meſſengers in ordinary was diſpatched from Whitehall, to Sir Robert Walpole at his ſeat in Norfolk. *C.* —— We are credibly informed, that their majeſties

have receiv'd certain advice, that his highneſs the prince of Orange is on the point of ſetting out to make a campaign in the army commanded by prince Eugene. *DP.*

By the examination of Martin the diſtiller, it appear'd that Mr. Cantillon's cook, who lodg'd in Hog-lane about 4 days, was abſent one night under pretence to go to Kenſington to ſee ſome friends, which, as we hear, was the night the fire happened. *DJ.*

Died, yeſterday in Soho-ſquare, Madam Nicholls, worth 10,000 l. *DJ.* —— On the 25th at Exeter Mr. James Dirrah, aged 104, who has left a conſiderable eſtate to the poor. *P.*

Members choſen for the enſuing Parliament.

‡ Re-elected for the ſame place. * New members.

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Roman before 208: Now 19: in all 227.
Italic before 256: —— 13: ——269.

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

EPIGRAM.

Two ſtates wage war, of whom (if you can truſt
Their own accounts) each cauſe is ſtrictly juſt:
'Till with hir'd force auxiliar one ſupply'd,
Victorious, proves itſelf the juſter ſide.
In ſenate thus, with oratorial rage,
When different parties zealouſly ingage;
Wrong to ſupport the plaineſt reaſon fails,
And right by mercenary votes prevails. DACTYL.

Our anſwer to Mr. ABRACADABRA's queſtion in our 229th *Journal*, has been inadvertently omitted for two weeks, tho' it was very ſhort, viz. That an *anſwer nothing to the purpoſe*, is ſufficient to an argument which has *nothing* in it.

Since our laſt, we have received a ſhort *Eſſay concerning oaths*, and a *Letter from* Mr. THEOBALD, which, tho' dated May 20, was not received till Saturday laſt, and ſhall be publiſhed in our next.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *May* 23. —— *Paris, May* 29. The infante Don Carlos made his publick entry into Naples, on the 10th, as king, his father having declared him king of Naples and Sicily: on which the marq. de Biſſy, envoy extraordinary of France, has complimented him *C. P. DJ.*

FRIDAY, *May* 24. —— *Hague, May* 25. We ſee here a letter written in the name of Count Munich, wherein he owns, that the Ruſſians, in the attack of the 10th, loſt 4000 men, 50 officers of note, and almoſt all their engineers; that the beſieged have more fighting men than the beſiegers; and concludes, that he never ſaw ſo fine an attack, nor ſo brave a defence. *P.*

SATURDAY, *May* 25. —— *Heidelburg, May* 26. Yeſterday the French inveſted Philipsburg. *LE.*

MONDAY, *May* 27. —— *Hamburgh, May* 28. They write from the camp before Dantzick, that king Staniſlaus was retired on board a French frigate, and that the town having greatly ſuffered by fire, it is thought an agreement may be made by the interpoſition of the king of Pruſſia. *P.* —— This is rumour'd about. *DP.*

Rome, May 21. On thurſday laſt, a great fire broke out between the Port del Populi and Ripetta, which conſumed 72 houſes, above 100 great piles of wood, planks of timber, &c. the damage is reckoned at 300,000 crowns. *DJ.*

TUESDAY, *May* 28. —— *Stolpen, May* 27. The French ſhips that put off from Dantzick with the troops that reimbarked the 13th, are returned with a greater number. The Dantzickers demanded the ſuſpenſion of arms with no other deſign than to facilitate the arrival of the French ſquadron: they promiſed to ſend a final anſwer at the expiration of the term granted; they did ſo; but ſuch a one as was not expected: they deſir'd the general civilly to withdraw his troops, or they ſhould be obliged to take ſuch meaſures, as would not be agreeto him. Count Munich was ſo provok'd thereat, that he gave immediate orders for redoubling the fire of cannon and mortars, and was anſwer'd by the city. *DP.*

WEDNESDAY, *May* 29. —— *Stolpe, May* 27. Juſt as the poſt is going away, we hear the Saxon troops have joined Count Munich's army. *P.*

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